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Dear Mr. Epp,

RE: Environmental Hypersensitivity

I am writing on behalf of one of my constituents, on whose behalf I have written in the past.

Chris Brown, a resident in my riding, is one of many Canadians who suffer from the condition of environmental hypersensitivity. He is in the process of preparing a video on this condition and is interested in meeting with yourself or senior department officials to discuss this issue. He has been told by the security people in your department that he will not be able to meet with any representatives, and he is extremely concerned about his lack of access to the Department of Health.

I would request that you or one of your departmental officials who is well versed in this topic meet with Mr. Brown in order that he may complete his video.

On the second question relating to environmental hypersensitivity is the question of damages arising from the actions by Health and Welfare on this issue. It is my understanding that your department originally believed, and made public your belief, that people suffering from environmental hypersensitivity were actually suffering from psychosomatic symptoms. As a result, it has taken some time to have the condition recognized as a legitimate medical problem, and has created untold difficulties from people suffering from this disease.

I would appreciate hearing from you on what plans, if any, your department has to deal with this particular question.

Yours sincerely
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